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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Panola County are gathering at the  
2 State Capitol on February 22, 2005, to celebrate the indelible role  
3 their county has played in the history of our great state; and

4 WHEREAS, The First Legislature of Texas officially created  
5 Panola County on March 30, 1846; Judge John Allison, a prominent  
6 civic leader, suggested the name Panola, which is derived from the  
7 Cherokee word for cotton, "ponolo"; the region reaped the rewards  
8 of its cotton-friendly soil, and it soon became the county's main  
9 cash crop; today, Panola County enjoys a diversified economy,  
10 primarily based in oil and gas, coal, agriculture, and timber; and

11 WHEREAS, Located in the Timberlands region of Northeast Texas  
12 bordering Louisiana, Panola County has a dense, attractive  
13 landscape that consists of more than 800 square miles of gentle  
14 plains and scenic woodlands; the county is a desirable destination  
15 for visitors who enjoy the splendid benefits of nature and outdoor  
16 recreational activities, such as fishing in freshwater lakes; and

17 WHEREAS, The area's historic sites and cultural attractions  
18 also draw many visitors to Carthage, the county seat, as well as to  
19 other charming towns, such as Beckville, Bethany, Clayton, Gary,  
20 DeBerry, Pulaski, and Fairplay, the oldest community in the county;  
21 Carthage also boasts the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame, the Tex  
22 Ritter Museum, and the Jim Reeves Memorial; and

23 WHEREAS, The residents of this historic Texas county have  
24 played an important part in preserving their region's past, and it

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1 is a pleasure to pay tribute to Panola County and its citizens on  
2 this special day; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
4 hereby designate February 22, 2005, Panola County Day at the State  
5 Capitol and extend to the delegation here today sincere best wishes  
6 for an enjoyable visit.